

*Letter from the Vicar's Desk*



*Life-lessons from a Teacher Named 'DOG'*

**When** loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

**Never** pass up the opportunity to go for a ride.

**Allow** the experience, whenever possible, of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

**Take** naps as often as time permits, which means frequently.

**Be** sure to stretch languidly before rising.

**Be** sure to run, romp, and play daily.

**Thrive** on attention and let people touch you.

**Avoid** biting when a simple growl will do.

**On** warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass.

**On** hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

**When** you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

**Delight** in the simple joy of a long walk.

**Eat** with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.

**Be** loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

**If** what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

**When** someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

**Be** always grateful for each new day.

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*As has been said, 'You only go around once.'  
These 'life-lessons' are a good way to go.  
Sincerely & in Him, --fr. t.*